

481—64.34(135C) Personnel histories.

64.34(1) Each health care facility shall submit a form specified by the department of public safety to the department of public safety, and receive the results of a criminal history check and dependent adult abuse record check before any person is employed in a health care facility. The health care facility may submit a form specified by the department of human services to the department of human services to request a child abuse history check. For the purposes of this rule, “employed in a facility” shall be defined as any individual who is paid, either by the health care facility or any other entity (i.e., temporary agency, private duty, Medicare/Medicaid or independent contractors), to provide direct or indirect treatment or services to residents in a health care facility. Direct treatment or services include those provided through person-to-person contact. Indirect treatment or services include those provided without person-to-person contact such as those provided by administration, dietary, laundry, and maintenance. Specifically excluded from the requirements of this rule are individuals such as building contractors, repair workers or others who are in a facility for a very limited purpose, are not in the facility on a regular basis, and who do not provide any treatment or services to the residents of the health care facility. (I, II, III)

64.34(2) A person who has a criminal record or founded dependent adult abuse report cannot be employed in a health care facility unless the department of human services has evaluated the crime or founded abuse report and concluded that the crime or founded abuse report does not merit prohibition from employment. (I, II, III)

64.34(3) Each health care facility shall ask each person seeking employment in a facility “Do you have a record of founded child or dependent adult abuse or have you ever been convicted of crime in this state or any other state?” The person shall also be informed that a criminal history and dependent adult abuse record check will be conducted. The person shall indicate, by signature, that the person has been informed that the record checks will be conducted. (I, II, III)

64.34(4) If a person has a record of founded child abuse in Iowa or any other state, the person shall not be employed in a health care facility unless the department of human services has evaluated the crime or founded report and concluded that the report does not merit prohibition of employment. (I, II, III)

64.34(5) Proof of dependent adult abuse and criminal history checks may be kept in files maintained by the temporary employee agencies and contractors. Facilities may require temporary agencies and contractors to provide a copy of the results of the dependent adult abuse and criminal history checks. (I, II, III)